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MEETING

OF THE

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1898.

MINUTES OF THE STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

AND

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

W. J. FREER,

Clerk of the County Council.

MINUTES OF THE STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE.

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Bills and Accounts,

Held Saturday, October 8th, 1898.

PRESENT:

Mr. Hussey Packe in the Chair.

Sir A. R Palmer, Bart., Messrs. W. H. Barfoot-Saunt, R. Finney, B. Hurst, and T. H. Heward

The Bills for the past Quarter were carefully examined and recommended for payment, as under:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
GENERAL POLICE.						
Chief Constable's Salary	160	0	0			
Pay of Force at Headquarters	160	18	5			
Clothing	48	17	11			
Station House Expenses	110	18	10			
Magistrates' Clerk's Fees	50	4	6			
Rents	322	0	2			
Incidental Expenses	124	16	6			
	977	16	4			
Less paid on account	665	0	0			
				312	16	4
LOCAL POLICE.						
Pay of Force	2687	8	3			
Clothing	120	18	0			
Accoutrements	3	2	0			
Oil	5	2	6			
Carts (Repairs)	19	10	0			
Keep of Horses	107	9	1			
Station House Expenses	190	7	1			
	3133	16	11			
Less paid on account	2798	15	0			
				335	1	11
COUNTY RATE ACCOUNT.						
Conveyance of Prisoners	38	5	10			
Coroner's Inquests	7	8	11			
Inspection of Weights and Measures	53	3	5			
				98	18	2
E. Shardlow, Printing	0	14	0			
W. B. Smith—Bill	5	9	6			
				6	3	6
				£752	19	11

The following Gratuities were recommended to be paid to the undermentioned Police Officers:—20/- from Sir A. R. Palmer to Sergt. W. Pegg and P.C.'s W. Sanders and N. Almey; 10/- from Inland Revenue to P.C. Thomas Martin; 10/- from Mr. Geyaro to P.C. G. Allen; 10/- from Inland Revenue to P.C. Geo. Fowkes; 10/- from Inland Revenue to P.C. Wallace Healey; 10/- from Inland Revenue to P.C. Charles Cobley; 31/6 from Market Harborough Society for the Prosecution of Felons to Inspector Bowley, Sergeant J. Barrs, and P.C. J. A. Bowley.

The Committee recommended that the application of Ex-P.C. Edward Reed for the return of half his contribution to the Police Pension Fund be not acceded to.

The Committee then considered the case of the Widow of the late Superintendent Burton, and were of opinion that her Gratuity should be £150.

The Chief Constable laid before the Committee a Plan and Estimate prepared by the County Surveyor for the erection of a W.C. at the Market Harborough Police Station. Cost £30.

The Committee approved of the same.

Sir A. R. Palmer proposed—"That the Committee recommend the purchase of six Cycles from Parr & Co., Limited, Leicester, at £13 each."

Mr. Finney moved—"That the Loughborough Company be also asked to tender."

The amendment was put and lost.

The resolution was carried.

HUSSEY PACKE,

Chairman.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Joint Committee,

Held October 15th, 1898.

PRESENT:

Mr. Hussey Packe in the Chair.

Messrs. W. U. Heygate, DeLisle, Goodacre, Aucott, Heward, B. Hurst, Rodgers, Everard, Finney, Cradock, Murray-Smith, Dalgliesh, Paget, Pochin, Barfoot-Saunt, Worswick, Baillie, and Arkwright.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, and the Minutes of the Sub-Committee on Bills and Accounts, were read and confirmed.

MR. T. H. HEWARD moved—"That the Quarter's Accounts, amounting to £752 19s. 11d., passed by the Accounts Sub-Committee, be paid."

This was seconded by MR. B. HURST, and carried.

A letter was read from the Home Secretary respecting the increase of salary granted to the Clerk to the Market Bosworth Petty Sessional Division at the last Meeting, and also the correspondence which had passed between the Home Secretary and Mr. Pilgrim, and the same was carefully considered by the Committee.

COLONEL BAILLIE moved—"That the Committee adhere to their previous recommendation."

This was seconded by MR. W. H. BARFOOT-SAUNT, and carried unanimously.

The recommendation of the Bills Sub-Committee that gratuities amounting to £5 1s. 6d. be paid to certain Police Officers was agreed to on the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by MR. T. H. HEWARD.

The Clerk of the Peace presented the following Quarterly Return of Fines and Fees:—

Name of Clerk.	Division.	Salary.			Fines.			Fees.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
D. Hale ...	Ashby-de-la-Zouch ...	82	10	0	7	9	0	125	5	9
A. H. Marsh ...	Belvoir	25	0	0	0	13	6	12	0	0
J. H. Douglass	East Norton	25	0	0	1	2	9	15	9	6
R. B. Berridge	Leicester	100	0	0	19	11	0	158	5	6
T. H. Watson...	Lutterworth	35	0	0	1	14	6	42	6	0
H. W. Bosworth	Loughborough ...	105	0	0	20	14	4	179	5	8
S. Pilgrim ...	Market Bosworth ...	80	0	0	17	10	0	119	5	11
J. H. Douglass	Market Harborough ...	37	10	0	1	8	9	54	8	0
A. H. Marsh ...	Melton Mowbray ...	55	0	0	3	4	3	65	18	6
	TOTALS	£545	0	0	73	8	1	772	4	10

The Clerk of the Peace then read the Chief Constable's Return showing the disposition of the Force.

Upon the proposition of Mr. B. Hurst, seconded by Mr. T. H. Heward—"The payment of the next Quarter's Pensions, amounting to £599 14s. 9d., was ordered."

The Chief Constable read the following Report, and the same was received.

County Constabulary Office, Leicester,

15th October, 1898.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Report for the Quarter ending 30th ultimo.

The Expenditure has been as follows, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
Local Expenditure	3133	16	11
General Ditto	977	16	4
	4111	13	3
Less paid by Sergeants and Constables for House Rent	155	1	6
Giving a Net Expenditure of	£3956	11	9

Comparison with the same Quarter last year shows the following variations under each head, viz.:—

Items increased: Pay £46 13s., and Clothing £22 10s. 4d. (both attributable to increase of Force by one Sergeant and two Constables), Carts £16 6s. 6d., Magistrates Clerks' Fees £13 2s. 6d., Oil £1 7s. 6d.

Items decreased: Station House Expenses £56 2s. 3d., Incidental Expenses £43 10s. 9d. (last year this item included one extra day's pay allowed for Jubilee Day, £33 10s.), House Rents £13 17s. 11d., Accoutrements £11 1s. 6d., Horse Keep £2 15s. 1d. The net difference is a decrease of £26 17s. 8d.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

Compared with the corresponding Quarter last year, a great increase has occurred in the number of Indictable Crimes committed, viz., 91 as against 58. This increase occurs principally under the head of Simple Larceny, 21 more such offences having been reported. There has also been an increase of five each in the number of Larcenies from the person, and in the Breakings into Shops. None of these were of a specially aggravated nature, and the amount of property taken was comparatively small. The 91 offences include 57 simple larceny, 6 larceny from the person, 5 house-breaking, 5 breaking into shops, 5 attempted suicide, 2 burglary, 2 malicious wounding, 2 embezzlement, etc. For these offences 59 persons have been apprehended or summoned, of whom 7 were discharged, 16 committed for trial, 4 fined, 17 imprisoned, 1 sent to Reformatory school, 6 whipped, 8 ordered to find sureties. The per centage of committals and convictions to crimes reported is 65, or three points higher than in the last Quarter.

A considerable decrease occurs in the number of Non-indictable offences reported, 837 persons, as compared with 947 in the same Quarter last year, having been proceeded against. The offences under which a decrease occur are Muzzling of Dogs Order 63, stealing fruit 25, malicious damage 25, drunkenness 20, cruelty to animals 12, Game Acts 10.

In the hope of inducing parents to exercise greater caution, I desire to bring to the notice of the Committee the number of Stack and other Fires which have recently occurred in the County, and which have been distinctly traced to the possession of lucifer matches by children of a very tender age. In several cases very serious loss was sustained, and the children were so young as to be quite incapable of appreciating the danger of their own acts. Property to the value of over £1100 has been thus destroyed in the County during the last 18 months.

I much regret to report that on the 7th August last, Superintendent Arthur Burton, stationed at Market Harborough, committed suicide by poison during a fit of temporary insanity. Superintendent Burton was 48 years old, and had served 24 years 182 days. His average annual pay at time of death, as reckoned pursuant to the Police Acts, 1890, was £111 19s. 2d., and the provisions of this Statute empower the Committee to grant to the Widow a sum equivalent to one month's pay for each completed year of service, which in this case amounts to £223 18s. 4d., and I have to request that the Committee will give this matter their consideration.

A Water Closet for the use of the men of the Division, and of the public who attend the Court, is much needed at the Police Station, Market Harborough. The County Surveyor estimates the cost at £30.

In consequence of the great increase of population, which during the past few years has occurred at Market Harborough, Hinckley and Melton Mowbray, and the impossibility of giving efficient police supervision with the present staff, I ask the Committee to grant an extra Constable for each of these towns.

For some years past, owing to the growth of population in such centres as Coalville and Wigston, and for other reasons, I have found it desirable for efficient police administration, to nominally increase the number of Inspectors by appointing two Sergeants as Acting Inspectors, who, whilst receiving the pay of a Sergeant, have worn the uniform and discharged the duties of the higher rank. The present number of Inspectors is five, the same as in 1869, when there were 76 Constables. There are now 125 Constables on the Force, and although five additional Sergeants have been made there has been no increase in the number of Inspectors. I ask for an increase of two in the rank of Inspector, viz.: one to First and one to Second Class; there will then be three First and four Second Class Inspectors. The annual increase of pay to effect this will be about £30.

It would be of great help in many ways if the Committee would authorize the purchase of Bicycles for use at the principal Divisional Stations. If six Bicycles were granted, I suggest that they be placed as follows. viz.: Head Quarters, Loughborough, Hinckley, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Melton Mowbray and Market Harborough; this would not include Coalville and Lutterworth. A tender of £13 for each machine has been obtained from Mr. Parr, Leicester.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. HOLMES,

Chief Constable.

The application of Ex-P.C. Edward Reed for the re-payment of half of his contributions to the Police Pension Fund, upon his retirement from the Force, was, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, unanimously refused.

The resolution was proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. C. Goodacre.

Mr. Hussey Packe moved, and Mr. R. Dalgliesh seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to, "That the sum of £150 be paid to the Widow of the late Superintendent Burton as a gratuity."

The Memorial from the Market Harborough Urban District Council having been considered, Mr. W. H. Barfoot-Saunt moved, and Colonel Baillie seconded—"That there be an increase of one Police Constable in the Market Harborough Division, to be stationed at Market Harborough."

This was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. R. Dalgliesh moved—"That an additional Police Constable be appointed for the Melton Police District, and stationed at Melton Mowbray."

This was seconded by Mr. G. W. Pochin and agreed to.

Mr. B. Hurst moved—"That an additional Police Constable be appointed for the Market Bosworth Police District, and be stationed at Hinckley."

This was seconded by Mr. T. Aucott and carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Hurst moved—"That two Sergeants (now Acting Inspectors) be appointed to the rank of Inspector, one first class at £105, and one second class at £100 per annum."

This was seconded by Mr. T. H. Heward and carried.

The appointments to date from the 1st November, 1898.

It was unanimously resolved to provide a W.C. at the Market Harborough Police Station, at an estimated cost of £30.

Mr. Hussey Packe moved and Mr. T. Aucott seconded—"That six Bicycles be purchased for the use of the Police."

The Resolution was carried.

Mr. Hussey Packe then moved—"That Messrs. Parr & Co., Limited, of Leicester, supply the same according to the specification, at £13 each."

This was seconded by Mr. B. Hurst.

Mr. G. DeLisle moved as an amendment—"That the Quorn Cycle Co. be asked to tender."

Mr. R. Finney seconded. The amendment was put and lost.

Mr. W. U. Heygate moved and Mr. A. W. Arkwright seconded as an amendment—"That the matter be referred back to the Accounts Sub-Committee to obtain tenders from various firms and report to the Committee."

The Amendment was put and carried.

The Amendment was then put as a Substantive Resolution and carried unanimously.

The Chief Constable's Report was then adopted.

Messrs. Hibbert & Company's tender for clothing, amounting to £399 13s. 6d., was accepted on the proposition of Mr. T. H. Heward, seconded by Mr. Hussey Packe; also the tender of Messrs. Christy & Co. for caps, amounting to £7 2s. 6d.

The Chief Constable applied for leave to give up the Post Office Telephones at Leicester, Wigston, Loughborough, and Hinckley, and to use the National instead, where not already supplied.

Upon the proposition of Mr. G. W. Pochin, seconded by Mr. T. H. Heward, the Committee approved of the substitution, and instructed the Clerk of the Peace to give proper notices to the Postmaster General.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Report of the County Council Half of the Standing Joint Committee of the Court of Quarter Sessions and the Leicestershire County Council.

Your Committee have to report that they have received and adopted the following Reports:—

REPORT OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE.

County Constabulary Office, Leicester,

15th October, 1898.

Gentlemen,

Weights and Measures Acts.

With respect to the administration of the Weights and Measures Acts, I have to report that since the Committee last met the holding of centres for the annual re-testing and stamping has been completed throughout the County.

In order to add to the convenience of traders, several more centres have been held during the year, and I am glad to report that, with very few exceptions, the owners of weighing plant have taken advantage of these opportunities to have their weighing instruments, weights and measures compared with the County standards.

During the Quarter 456 weighing instruments, 10,822 weights, and 5,493 measures have been verified and stamped. The fees received amount to £80 0s. 11d. The expenses of inspection, advertising, printing, &c., amount to £53 3s. 5d.

Five persons have been proceeded against for alleged infringements of the Bread Act, three of whom were discharged and two convicted. The fines and costs imposed amount to £2.

Food and Drugs Acts.

One hundred and seven samples have been submitted for Analysis, viz.:—51 Sweet Spirit of Nitre, 28 Oatmeal, 27 Brandy, 1 Milk.

The special circumstances under which the samples of Sweet Spirit of Nitre were taken and the analytical results of same are fully explained in the Quarterly Report of the County Analyst. A sample of the drug was purchased from every known vendor throughout the County, which accounts for the large number of samples taken.

Two samples of Brandy were certified to be adulterated one-sixteen degrees, and the other four degrees below the legal standard; both vendors were convicted and fined a total sum, including costs, of £3 2s. 6d. The samples of Oatmeal and Milk were certified to be genuine.

Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act.

I have not received any application to take samples under this Act during the Quarter.

Explosives and Shop Hours Acts.

It has not been necessary to take proceedings against any person during the Quarter for the contravention of either of the above Statutes.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. HOLMES

Chief Constable

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ANALYST.

Analytical Laboratory,

17, Great Tower Street, London, E.C.,

10th October, 1898.

Gentlemen,

Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

Herewith I have the honour to submit my statutory quarterly report on the samples analysed by me as Public Analyst for the County of Leicester during the three months just ended.

It will be seen that, in all, 107 samples were analysed during the quarter, of which 9 were reported as unsatisfactory or adulterated. The samples comprised 28 samples of oatmeal, 27 samples of brandy, 51 samples of sweet spirit of nitre, and 1 sample of milk.

All of the samples of oatmeal, 25 of the samples of brandy, and the sample of milk were genuine. 2 samples of brandy were deficient in alcoholic strength, one to the extent of 4 degrees of proof spirit below the lowest legal limit, and the other to the extent of 16 degrees below the legal limit.

It will have been noticed that no less than 51 samples of sweet spirit of nitre were taken, being purchased from as many different chemists and druggists within the County. As many members of the Council will no doubt be aware, this very popular medicine was not included in the late edition of the British Pharmacopœia under its ordinary name. It was, of course, really included in the Pharmacopœia, but under the name of "Spirit of Nitrous Ether." No official indication, however, was contained in the Pharmacopœia that Spirit of Nitrous Ether meant Sweet Spirit of Nitre. The consequence has been that for a number of years, chemists who, in response to a request for Sweet Spirit of Nitre, have supplied an article of inferior strength, have, if taxed therewith, sheltered themselves behind the contention that they did not profess, unless it were specifically asked for, to supply Spirit of Nitrous Ether, but that they simply sold "Sweet Spirit of Nitre," which had no official existence, and no recognised definite strength.

Unfortunately, the practice of selling an inferior article has been fostered by some of the manufacturers and wholesale dealers in drugs, who supply chemists and druggists, and who have included in their trade lists articles of different strengths, at different prices. In the new edition of the British Pharmacopœia, recently issued, the difficulty of the position has been recognised, and the expression, "Sweet Spirit of Nitre" is included as a synonym for Spirit of Nitrous Ether. A chemist now, therefore, in response to a request for "Sweet Spirit of Nitre," is bound to supply the official article.

The collection of samples which your Inspectors have now made from so many chemists and druggists, was undertaken with a view to ascertaining how far the proper official article was really being supplied in the County, and how far it would be necessary to enforce upon their attention the fact that they were no longer at liberty to supply their customers with anything but the true article of the Pharmacopœia.

The results of the enquiry were briefly as follows. Of the 51 samples of Sweet Spirit of Nitre, 23 were of what I should call first class quality, and 21 were either fairly good or passable on the assumption that they were not very fresh (the article being one that deteriorates on keeping). It was, however, my duty to specially direct the attention of the Chief Constable, Mr. Holmes, to seven samples which were decidedly unsatisfactory. Three of them only contained about one-half of the proper proportion of nitrous ether, two contained less than one-half, one only about one-third, and one only about one-fourth or less. I carefully took the alcoholic strength of all these samples, and, though it was in some cases a little lower than that of the British Pharmacopœia article, I was able to say distinctly that the deficiency was not in any case due to adulteration by watering down. It was not possible to say with certainty how far the low strength of these samples was due to bad manufacture, or how far it may have been due to their having been kept for an unduly long time; but the

departure from the proper standard of the Pharmacopœia was so great as to make the article, in effect, totally different from that now directed by the British Pharmacopœia to be supplied under the name of Sweet Spirit of Nitre.

For the sake of investigating the general question more thoroughly, I obtained, from a well-known wholesale house of high reputation, three samples of various qualities or strengths of Spirit of Nitrous Ether, supplied at different prices. The sample of best quality was in every way satisfactory, but those which were cheaper, but which need not on this account have differed from it very seriously in their percentage of nitrous ether, were very bad. One contained less than one-fifth of the nitrous ether it should have contained, and the other contained scarcely any nitrous ether at all. The explanation given to me by the firm, when I directed their attention to the results of my examination, was that there was not much demand now for the lower qualities, and that they had been in stock for a long time, and had no doubt deteriorated owing to long keeping. They also pointed out that chemists and druggists were not supposed to buy these low qualities for pharmacopœia purposes, but only for veterinary use.

However this may be, I think the incident serves to show what latitude has existed in the trade during the existence of the late edition of the Pharmacopœia; and, when a first-rate wholesale house is found to send out goods of this description, it is not remarkable if the local chemist is sometimes found retailing inferior articles.

As the new edition of the Pharmacopœia had only just been published, and members of the trade could scarcely yet have become aware of all the new responsibilities imposed upon them in this new edition, and as there is no doubt that the materials purchased were manufactured before the actual issue of the new edition, it was decided by Mr. Holmes, after consultation with myself, that, under the circumstances, the most appropriate way of dealing with those who supplied the inferior articles was to caution them, and direct their attention to the fact that the law now imposed upon them a responsibility in the matter of this drug which could not in future, as heretofore, be set aside on the ground of the omission from the Pharmacopœia of its popular name.

While drawing attention, however, to the inferiority of seven samples, I should like to conclude by expressing my opinion that, in view of the vague and unsatisfactory position in which the question of Sweet Spirit of Nitre has rested for so many years, it speaks well for the honour and integrity of the chemists of Leicestershire as a body, that out of 51 samples purchased in the course of the first general investigation which has been made into the matter, only these seven should have been of such a quality as to call for grave complaint; and that, out of the other 44 samples, all of which were good or passable, no less than 23 should actually have been of first class quality.

Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act.

I also enclose copies of my reports to the Board of Agriculture for the Quarter, from which it will be seen that during that period no samples have been submitted to me in my official capacity in the County under this Act.

Rivers Pollution.

Four samples of effluents were submitted to me by officers of the County Council during the Quarter, one taken from the South Wigston Sewage Farm, and three taken from a pipe which runs into the River Wreake near Eye Kettleby Water Mill, Melton Mowbray.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

BERNARD DYER.

Dated this 15th day of October, 1898.

T. H. HEWARD,

Chairman.

Report of the Visiting Committee of the Leicestershire and Rutland Lunatic Asylum.

The Visiting Committee, in pursuance of the Statute 53 and 54 Victoria, chapter 5, section 190, sub-section 1, report that the condition of the Asylum as regards the buildings and offices is good.

The Asylum is designed for the accommodation of 512 patients, male and female, including apartments for 50 charity patients.

There are now 503 patients under treatment in the Asylum.

The internal management of the Asylum is conducted by a Medical Superintendent, a Chaplain, and Assistant Medical Officer, Clerk and Steward, and Assistant, Housekeeper, and Head Female Attendant, and 20 male and 25 female Attendants.

The Household comprises the Head Attendant and his wife, 3 Domestic Servants, 3 Laundry Women, 2 Sempstresses, 12 Outdoor Servants, as Gardener, Engineer and Carpenter, Lodge Porter and Wife, 2 Farm Labourers, Baker, Shoemakers and Tailors.

The Visiting Committee report that they are satisfied with the management of the Asylum generally, and also with the way the patients are treated and cared for.

The Visiting Committee also express their satisfaction with the conduct of the officers in all that relates to the well-being of the patients, and the general good order and efficiency of the Institution.

The Visiting Committee are still endeavouring to secure a site for the proposed new Asylum, but at the present time matters are not in a sufficiently advanced state to enable them to report definitely thereon; they hope to be able to do so early in the new year.

G. W. POCHIN,

Chairman.

October 12th, 1898.

Report of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts Executive Committee.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Accounts for the Quarter ending 30th September last, amounting to the sum of £53 3s. 6d., and the same are recommended for payment. The following is a summary :—

	£	s.	d.
Inspectors	7	6	0
Printing	1	5	0
Burial of Anthrax Carcases	2	2	0
Police	7	10	6
Central Charges	35	0	0
	£53	3	6

The Expenditure for the previous Quarter was £89 3s. 11d., thus showing a decrease of £36 0s. 5d.

During the past Quarter your Committee received a deputation of Graziers respecting the Regulation affecting the movement of Scotch Sheep or Sheep which have been in Scotland into the County.

The Deputation expressed the opinion that the Regulation was too restrictive.

The Committee, after considering the matter, were unable to make any alteration in the Regulation.

The Board of Agriculture have recently issued a New Sheep Scab Order which alters very considerably the practice usually adopted in outbreaks of Sheep Scab, and in order to effectually stamp out the disease and carry out the provisions of the Order, your Committee recommend the appointment of the Chief Constable, Superintendents, Inspectors, and Sergeants of the Constabulary as Inspectors under the Order, with a remuneration of 5/- per case. Your Committee have also to report that they have, in pursuance of this Order, republished the Regulation prohibiting the movement of Sheep from Scotland with an amendment providing for the dipping of the Sheep moved by license within three days of their arrival.

Your Committee also recommend the appointment of Mr. R. Macgregor, M.R.C.V.S., as Assistant Inspector for the East Norton Division, in the place of Mr. Heinemann, resigned.

The Chief Constable has presented the following report:—

County Constabulary Office, Leicester,

8th October, 1898.

Sir,

I have to report with respect to the administration during the Quarter ending 30th ultimo, of the Rabies and Swine Fever Orders that:—

Under the first named Order 61 dogs have been seized, 31 of which were claimed, 15 destroyed, and 15 sold.

The receipts for sales and maintenance amount to £5 2s. 6d., and the expenses to £4 15 6d., a balance of 7/- over expenses.

With respect to the Swine Fever Order, 44 cases have been reported, in 11 of which disease has been certified, 9 premises were infected at the close of the Quarter.

The Police expenses amount to £2 15s. 0d., vouchers for which I enclose as also for the receipts and expenses under the Rabies Order.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. HOLMES,

Chief Constable.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 1898.

HENRY BURGESS,

Vice-Chairman.

Report of the Highway Committee.

1.—Your Committee beg to submit a Statement of Expenditure during the past quarter, and also an Estimate of the amounts required to the Council Meeting in February.

Expenditure from 16th July, 1898, to 22nd October, 1898.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
1898. Balance in hand ...	513	19	4
5th September, County Council	500	0	0
24th September „	500	0	0
15th October „	4000	0	0
	£5513	19	4

Payments.

	£	s.	d.
Manual Labour	1004	0	9
Materials and Carting ...	3242	17	4
District Surveyors	187	10	0
Tools	16	0	0
Sundries	194	11	11
Clerk	75	0	0
Ashby District—Hire of Steam Roller	73	10	0
Belvior Rural District Council	49	3	2
Total Payments	4842	13	2
Balance	671	6	2
	£5513	19	4

ESTIMATE FROM 22ND OCTOBER, 1898, TO 14TH JANUARY, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
1898. October.			
Balance in hand	671	6	2
Voted by Council ...	500	0	0
To be voted by Council—			
19th November ...	500	0	0
17th December ...	500	0	0
1899.			
14th January	4000	0	0
14th January	500	0	0
	£6671	6	2

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Manual Labour	1450	0	0
Materials and Carting ...	3800	0	0
District Surveyors	187	10	0
Tools	25	0	0
Sundries	250	0	0
Clerk	75	0	0
Steam Roller—Repairs ...	100	0	0
Improvements	300	0	0
Total Payments	6187	10	0
Balance	483	16	2
	£6671	6	2

2.—Your Committee recommend payment of the following Balances in respect of the Main Road Accounts for the year ending March, 1898.

	£	s.	d.
Ashby Urban District	93	18	11
Ashby Woulds Urban District	20	1	0
Loughborough Borough	172	5	11
Market Harborough Urban District	12	3	5
Melton Mowbray Urban District	60	8	3

3.—The following Contributions were granted for the year ending March, 1898, and your Committee recommend the payment thereof.

	£
Belvoir Rural District Council	180
Melton Mowbray Rural District Council	728
Melton Mowbray Urban District Council	40

4.—Your Committee recommend that the following payments on account be made to the Urban Authorities, in respect of Main Road Maintenance for the year ending March, 1899.

	£
Ashby Urban District	250
Ashby Woulds Urban District	200
Coalville Urban District	520
Hinckley Urban District	150
Loughborough Borough	230
Market Harborough Urban District	270
Melton Mowbray Urban District	250
Shepshed Urban District	220
	£2090

5.—Your Committee recommend the following payments, being one-third of the cost of Footpath Improvements carried out in the respective Districts:—

	£	s.	d.
Ashby Woulds Urban District	9	10	6
Hinckley Urban District	72	4	0

6.—Your Committee have arranged with the Barrow-on-Soar Rural District Council, at the instance of the Syston Parish Council, to carry out certain improvements to the Main Road and Footpath by the side thereof, passing through Syston, by putting down a kerb and channel for a distance of 399 yards, and flagging the Footpath with adamant slabs. The estimated cost is £340. Two-thirds of this expenditure will be repaid by the Barrow-on-Soar Rural District Council, and charged exclusively upon the Parish of Syston. An agreement embodying the above terms has been approved by the Barrow-on-Soar Rural District Council, and is recommended for Sealing by this Council.

7.—The attention of your Committee has been directed to the condition of the road known as New Road, which runs from Thornborough, towards Coalville and Whitwick. From enquiries which your Committee have made, it appears that this road was formerly a private road, and has never been taken over by any Authority. The length is about 880 yards, and of good width, varying from 27 feet to 36 feet. Part of it is in the parish of Swannington, in the Rural District of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and part in the area of the Coalville Urban District Council. Some hundreds of foot passengers use it daily; but the road is almost impassable and dangerous for vehicular traffic. In the interest of the locality and surrounding neighbourhood, it is very desirable that the road should be properly made and maintained. The two Stations at Coalville could then be reached by the inhabitants of a large area without the necessity of passing over the two level railway crossings at Coalville. It is estimated that the cost of making a good road, properly drained, with footpath on one side, will be £650. Your Committee are informed that the Highway Authorities through which the road passes are prepared to undertake the maintenance of the road when it is properly made. The Coalville Urban District Council have intimated their willingness to contribute £150 towards putting the road in order. Your Committee recommend that if contributions to the amount of £500 are provided locally, this Council contribute whatever further sum is necessary to put the road into thorough repair; the respective Authorities agreeing to maintain the same thereafter.

8.—The Hinckley Urban District Council have recently rendered their certified account of Expenditure on Main Roads for the year ending March, 1897, showing an expenditure of £345 5s. 5d., on account of which the sum of £290 has been paid. Your Committee recommend payment of the balance of £55 5s. 5d.

9.—The Locomotives Act, 1898, introduces important alterations with regard to Traction Engines and their licenses, and the licensing and registration of Locomotives in general. With a view of united action upon the subject which is desirable, your Committee propose to confer with the adjoining Counties preparatory to submitting Bye-Laws under the Act. In the meantime your Committee recommend that the following maximum fees allowed by the Act should be in force, and the Committee be empowered to make all arrangements necessary to bring the Act into operation.

	£	s.	d.
For a Locomotive	10	0	0
For an additional License for a Locomotive licensed in another County	5	0	0
Daily payment for use of an unlicensed Locomotive	0	2	6
Fee for Registration	0	2	6

SIDNEY WELLS,

22nd October, 1898. *Chairman.*

Report of the Sanitary and Rivers Pollution Committee.

Your Committee have to report that complaints have been received of the pollution of the River Wreake by the effluent from the Melton Sewage Farm. Samples have been taken of the effluent and submitted to Dr. Dyer for analysis, who reports as follows:—

August 18th.—"All three samples have a foul smell and are heavily charged with organic matter in an active state of putrescence; and they all swarm with bacteria of the kind ordinarily found in sewage.

October 11th.—"These effluents are not so bad as those I analysed in August, but they are unsatisfactory effluents, and show that the Sewage Farm is not doing its proper work of purification."

Copies of these Reports have been sent to the Melton Mowbray Urban District Council, and the matter is receiving the attention of the River Soar Pollution Sub-Committee.

Dr. J. Tubb-Thomas, the Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland combined Sanitary Districts, has, during the past Quarter, supplied your Committee with copies of the Reports which he has made to the Billesdon and Blaby Rural District Councils, and the following are some of the more important extracts:—

BILLESDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

"I visited the outfall of the village sewer at Hungerton on the 8th instant in consequence of complaints as to pollution of the brook. I have to report that the outfall is in a very unsatisfactory state, and that no effort is now made to treat the sewage in any way. The piece of land intended to be used as a sewage farm is sub-let to some man, who this year is not cultivating it in any way, and the sewage, after settlement in the tank, runs into the ditch, where it has an opportunity to decompose and become very offensive, and then finds its way into the brook. There would be less nuisance if the sewage was turned straight into the brook. The present state of affairs is a nuisance and a danger to cattle that drink the water from the brook lower down the stream. I suggest that either your Council, or the Parish, manage the outfall; I also suggest as a measure tending to prevent nuisance that some rough coke, coal, or burnt ballast filters be put into the ditch leading from the subsidence tank. This could be done for a small expense, and if constructed upon the lines I have suggested to your Surveyor, render the effluent satisfactory."

"I have paid two visits to Great Glenn and made a house to house visitation, and made a rough analysis of nearly every well in the village. You will observe from the results of the analysis, &c., that not more than four wells out of the fifty are free from suspicion of pollution; some of the waters are very bad. I found as the result of my visit, that besides the question of quality, there was a very great scarcity of water, very many of the wells have run out this year, and the only really good sample of water is a very short supply at all times, and the owners had last year to send all the way to Kibworth for drinking water. Very many houses have no supply at all, and the occupants are obliged to beg water from their neighbours; and frequently these poor people resort to badly polluted waters.

"I have therefore to report that the existing supply is very bad in quality, but it is also altogether inadequate in quantity."

BLABY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

"I observe that the Leicester Corporation propose going to Parliament next session for powers to construct new water works; I therefore beg to suggest to you the great desirability of your approaching that Authority with the object of getting your entire district scheduled in the Act. The water supply of the Townships of Enderby, Narborough, Cosby, Whetstone, Blaby, and Countesthorpe is very unsatisfactory, being derived from shallow wells, many of them at present polluted, and the greater number

seriously liable to pollution. In sinking wells for new houses, it is extremely difficult to obtain water up to any reasonable standard allowable for drinking purposes; and unless a new supply of pure water can be obtained, the growth of these townships by new buildings must entirely cease; whilst the present inhabitants will be obliged to continue using the present unsatisfactory water. In at least one of the townships the present supply is quite inadequate in quantity. The water-sheds in the immediate neighbourhood are already taken up, and I see no prospect of your district obtaining water of good quality, except through Leicester. With the present rapid growth of Leicester, and limited supply of water, I fear there is not much chance of your getting a full supply from the present sources. The question of a water supply for the above townships will be one of very serious importance to you in the very near future, and you should face the matter without delay. I suggest that you appoint a strong Committee to consult with the Leicester Water Committee before their Bill is presented, and if there is any great difficulty in getting your district included, that you invoke the assistance of the County Council, or Parliament, to that end."

"I have to report that I have received serious complaints as to the nuisance caused by the extremely unsatisfactory condition of the Sewer Outfall near the Railway Station at Blaby. I visited the place on Friday last in company with Councillor Pick. The odour was very offensive and a serious nuisance undoubtably existed. Some steps should be taken without delay to remedy the present state of affairs, and you should take the whole question of sewage treatment at Blaby and neighbouring villages into serious consideration. I strongly suggest as the best way out of the difficulty to arrange for the villages of Blaby, Whetstone, Cosby and Narborough to drain to one spot and make one pumping scheme serve for the whole. This would considerably reduce the cost, and treatment would be more satisfactory at one spot than at three or four small farms.

"My attention has been directed to the nuisance caused at the ford near Blaby by sewage issuing from a culvert near the roadside. I visited the spot. I suggest that the sewer through the garden be opened up at once, the question of cost or responsibility is a small one compared with the nuisance that now exists. I expect it will be found that the sewer is blocked up with tree roots at the spot where it passes out of the garden, and this causes the silting up to the roadway and causes the sewage to pass through the storm water overflow."

Dr. Thomas has also recommended the closure of the Sileby National Schools and the Ullesthorpe Schools, in consequence of the prevalence of infectious diseases amongst the children.

Your Committee also present to the Council the Summary of the Reports of the several Medical Officers of Health for the year ending the 31st of December last, and in doing so regret that the same has not been presented earlier, owing to the great difficulty in some instances in obtaining the Reports of the Sanitary Inspectors, and unless they are sent earlier for the future your Committee will be compelled to report the defaulting Authority to the Local Government Board.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 1898.

T. H. HEWARD,

Chairman.

Report of the Technical Education Committee.

AGRICULTURE.

Midland Dairy Institute.

Your Committee report that eight persons attended the Butter-making Competition, open only to residents of Leicestershire, at the last Annual Show of the Leicestershire Agricultural Society.

The Prize-winners were E. T. Marshall, A. E Daybell, G. M. Freeman, and C. M. Canner. All except E. T. Marshall had been students at the Midland Dairy Institute.

Your Committee report attendance of students since the date of their last Report as follows:—

Course commencing	Derby.	Leicestershire.	Lincolnshire.	Notts.	Outside.	Total.
July 14th (No. 21)	1	4	2	10	7	24
September 1st (No. 22)	4	6	5	8	11	34

Lectures by the Staff of the Agricultural Department of the Nottingham University College in Gardening at ten centres, and on Veterinary Work at four centres, have been arranged. These are paid for by the grant of £100 made by your Committee and their share of the grant made by the Board of Agriculture to the College.

Lectures on Poultry Keeping at six centres have been approved.

John Bonshor, of Muston, near Bottesford, has entered for a two-years-course in the Agricultural Department of the Nottingham University College. This student takes one of the seven places which are at the disposal of your Committee for their contribution of £100 towards the indoor work of the College.

EVENING CONTINUATION SCHOOLS.

Your Committee have received requests for the recognition of seventy-eight Evening Continuation Schools. The number at this date in last year was sixty-eight. Your Committee raised the scale for the payment of teachers who give instruction in Elementary Practical Physics or in Chemistry. This has caused an increase in the number of Schools taking these subjects.

SCIENCE AND ART CLASSES.

Centres of Instruction at Syston, Mountsorrel, Barrow-on-Soar, Kegworth, Castle Donington, Shepshed, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Moira, Coalville, Ellistown, Ibstock, Hinckley, Barwell, Market Harborough, Wigston Magna, Melton Mowbray and Scalford have been started.

The Local Committee at every centre has placed the Classes within the County Organization.

The Local Committee for the Borough of Loughborough has established eight Science Classes and one Art Class. These are carried on upon the same lines as last year, and the Local Committee is responsible to the Department at South Kensington.

MINING CLASSES.

The numbers enrolled are:—Moira 16, Coalville 15, Ellistown 19, Ibstock 11.

These Classes are included in the list of centres under "Science and Art Classes."

Your Committee have promised to aid the provision of lectures for the South Midland Branch of the Association of Colliery Managers and for the local Association of Under Managers and Deputies.

FRAMEWORK KNITTING CLASS.

Last Session eight out of the eighteen students in the Loughborough Framework Knitting Class sat at the examinations held by the City and Guilds of London Institute. One student passed first-class and one second-class in the Honours Grade, and one passed in the Ordinary Grade.

MANUAL TRAINING.

Mr. John Evans, who was appointed Chief Instructor of Manual Training on July 2nd, 1892, left the service of your Committee on 7th instant to take up a similar post under the Carnarvonshire County Council. Your Committee regret the loss of Mr. Evans's services. They have appointed Mr. George Ernest Brown, of Colchester, to give instruction in Woodwork and Metal-work at the Grammar Schools formerly visited by Mr. Evans.

The terms of the appointment are:—Salary, £150 per annum and travelling expenses at third-class rates. The engagement to be terminable by the giving of three months' notice on either side. No pension is attached to this post.

The post of Chief Instructor is abolished.

Your Committee have raised Mr. A. H. Leake's salary from £140 to £150 per annum.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Your Committee have awarded a Scholarship, value £10, to assist Flora Chapman, of Loughborough, to enter the Royal College of Science, and have promised to pay the Fees for W. Baker, of Shepshed, at the Leicester Municipal Art School and his railway fares to and from the School. The Scholarship granted to John Bonshor is reported under "Agriculture."

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Your Committee recommend the Council to appoint Mr. William Moss to be their representative on the Governing Body of the Loughborough Endowed Schools in the place of the late Mr. C. J. Bowles.

FINANCE.

Your Committee have renewed the Secretary's allowance, £110, for Travelling Expenses and Inspection of Schools and Classes.

Statement for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1898.

Dr. 1898	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To County Treasurer	400	0	0			
,, Ditto	60	0	0			
,, Ditto	397	15	5			
				857	15	5
,, Derbyshire, for Apparatus ...	7	5	0			
,, Loughborough E. C.S., Balance ...	2	19	5			
,, Kegworth, Balance	0	8	3			
,, Barwell, Fees ...	2	15	0			
,, Sale of Stove ...	0	7	6			
,, Quorn Grant ...	2	10	0			
				16	5	2
Sept. 30 ,, Balance due to Treasurer ...	812	19	1			
Less in hands of Secretary ...	1	2	0			
				811	17	1
				£1685	17	8

1898. July 1.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer	357	1	8			
Less in hands of Secretary	15	13	9			
				341	7	11
,, Disbursements—						
Evening Continuation Schools	136	1	7			
Agriculture	250	0	0			
Science and Art Classes	170	17	6			
Grammar Schools ...	387	18	10			
Mining	40	0	0			
Scholarships	202	17	3			
Sundries	4	8	5			
Printing, Stationery and Stamps ...	24	16	11			
Rent, Rates, &c. ...	4	6	6			
Salaries	100	0	0			
Honoraria to Local Secretaries... ...	23	2	9			
				1344	9	9
				£1685	17	8

THOMAS COPE,

Chairman.

24th October, 1898.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Quarterly Financial Statement.

Corresponding Quarter, 1897. £ s. d.	Receipts. 1st July, 1898.	£ s. d.
17333 9 1	By Balance in Treasurer's Hands	18078 12 9
880 10 5	Fines and Fees	687 4 5
nil	Balance of County Rate, May, at 1d.	290 18 3
4175 3 7	County Rate, September, at 1d.	4178 16 6
3321 3 0	Local Police Rates, ditto ...	3323 17 7
9387 14 9	Exchequer Contribution Account, of Treasury ...	11494 4 7
122 16 1	Holmes — Weights and Measures	212 7 4
6 15 3	Ditto—*re* Dogs	6 9 6
167 9 6	Ditto—Rents paid by Constables	155 6 11
35 3 9	Of Treasury, Conveyance of Prisoners	33 17 3
12 2 6	Rents, County Courts ...	12 2 6
39 7 3	Main Roads, for work done	nil
0 2 6	Sundries— £ s. d. Knight & Co. 1 3 0; Rugby Union 0 5 10	1 8 10
114 5 10	Leicester Borough, Annual Repayments, to May ...	nil
nil	Rent — Cavendish Bridge, one year...	2 10 0
£35596 3 6		£38477 16 5

Payments. 1898.	£ s. d.
To Criminal Prosecutions ...	40 4 6
To Amount ordered Nov. 3rd, 1897, but paid since June 30th, 1898	360 0 0
To Amount ordered May 4th, 1898, but paid since June 30th, 1898	6963 15 0
To Amount ordered, August ... ...15637 4 2; *Less* unpaid ... 9156 0 0	6481 4 2
Sept. 30, To Balance in Treasurer's Hands 24632 12 9	
	£38477 16 5

The items of expenditure now recommended for payment are as follows:—

TO BE PAID AT ONCE.

Corresponding Quarter, 1897. £ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
354 3 11	Local Police Account (Balance)...		335 1 11
360 8 0	General Police Account (Balance)		312 16 4
36 12 5	Conveyance of Prisoners to Gaol		38 5 10
6 1 6	Coroner's Inquests (Summoning Jurors)		7 8 11
128 6 4	Stamping Weights and Measures		53 3 5
873 13 3	Salaries: Clerk of the Peace, County Surveyor, Analyst, Coroners, Under Treasurer, Housekeeper, Castle Keeper, &c.		904 14 0
545 0 0	Clerks to the Justices		545 0 0
33 9 11	Ditto, Summary Jurisdiction		32 1 2
5 15 0	Pauper Lunatic		5 15 0
66 15 0	Printing and Stamps		41 17 4
16 18 0	Advertisements		13 18 6
37 16 5	Reformatories		18 19 0
30 11 1	Judge's Lodgings		97 12 7

Corresponding Quarter, 1897. £ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
94 14 5	Castle		194 2 9
10 5 6	Armoury		5 10 2
17 12 11	Bridges (Repairs)		68 0 1
Nil.	Main Roads, Urban Authorities, Balance 1897-8 ...		358 17 6
1750 0 0	Ditto ditto on Account 1898-9		2090 0 0
Nil.	Ditto ditto Balance 1896-7		55 5 5
948 0 0	Contributions towards Costs of Roads		948 0 0
Nil.	Road Improvements		81 14 6
35 0 0	Tonge Bridge		Nil.
1200 0 0	Cow Hill Bridge		Nil.
31 10 5	Gaol Pensions		31 10 5
627 5 4	Technical Education Committee, Treasurer ...		Nil.
124 9 0	Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts		53 3 6
8 8 0	County Council Election		Nil.
50 0 0	Dr. Moore, Medical Officer's Report		50 0 0
25 0 0	Leicester Corporation, Half-year's Subscription to Fire Brigade		25 0 0
38 7 10	W. J. Freer, Disbursements		4 4 7
Nil.	Ditto, Postages		36 6 2
Nil.	Vipan & Headley, Box		0 16 0
Nil.	J. White, cleaning up at Town Hall after County Court		0 10 0
5 5 0	Subscription to Mansion House Fund *re* Railway Rates		Nil.
	Payments under the Local Government Act, 1888—		
5 2 4	Public Vaccinators		Nil.
5600 0 0	Union Claims, on Account		5600 0 0
13066 11 7			12009 15 1

TO BE PAID DURING THE QUARTER.

3433 15 0	For Police	3492 0 0	
5000 0 0	Highway Committee, for Roads	5500 0 0	
69 19 11	Treasurer Police Superannuation Fund, half-year's Interest on £4,500, due November 14th ...	67 10 0	
166 13 4	Ditto, Fourth Instalment of Principal	166 13 4	
13 19 11	Ditto, half-year's Interest on £866 13s. 4d., due November 6th	12 19 11	
66 13 4	Ditto, Third Instalment of Principal	66 13 4	
			9305 16 7
£21817 13 1			£21315 11 8

LIGHTS ON VEHICLES.

Your Committee have to report that the Bye-law adopted by the Council at their last Meeting has received the sanction of the Home Secretary, and is now in force throughout the County.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS, 1888 AND 1894.

Your Committee report the receipt of the Local Government Board's Order confirming the Appleby Magna Order of the Council amalgamating the Parishes of Appleby Magna North and Appleby Magna South. They further report the receipt from the Local Government Board of Rules as to Elections for Parishes under 300 population.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Your Committee approve of the following recommendations of the Technical Education Committee:—

"That Mr. A. H. Leake's salary be raised to £150 per annum, the increase to date from 1st September, 1898.

"That Mr. E. G. Brown, of Bergholt School, be appointed Manual Instructor at a salary of £150 per annum, plus travelling expenses at third class rates. No pension to be attached to the post. The engagement may be determined by three months notice on either side.

"That the County Council be recommended to appoint Mr. W. Moss to take the place of Ald. C. J. Bowles on the Governing Body of Loughborough Grammar School.

"That the Secretary be paid the sum of £110 for his expenses incurred in the Inspection of Schools and Classes during the financial year ending 31st March, 1899."

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee approves of the Financial clauses of this report.

RATES.

Your Committee recommend the Council to lay the following rates during the next half-year to be levied at once, and paid before the 1st day of December next, a County Rate of 1d. in the £. To be levied on the 3rd day of February next, and paid before the 1st day of March, 1899, a County Rate of ½d. in the £, and the following Police Rates in the undermentioned Police Districts: namely, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, 1d. in the £; East Norton, ¼d. in the £; Leicester, 1d. in the £; Loughborough, 1d. in the £; Lutterworth, ½d. in the £; Melton and Belvoir, ¼d. in the £; Market Bosworth, ¾d. in the £; and Market Harborough, ½d. in the £.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 1898.

HUSSEY PACKE,

Chairman.